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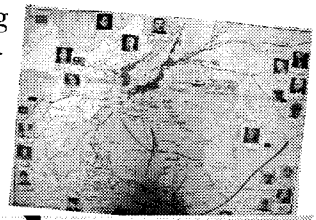
Settlers of the Eastern Shore Evenlight: Pocomoke City, Maryland

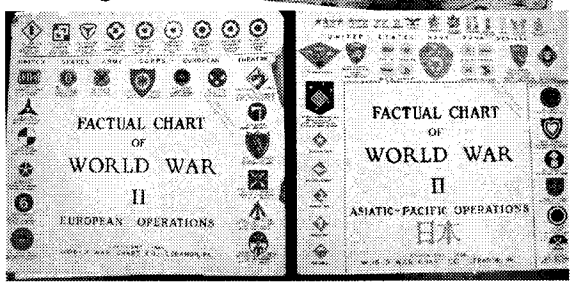
Cellar House

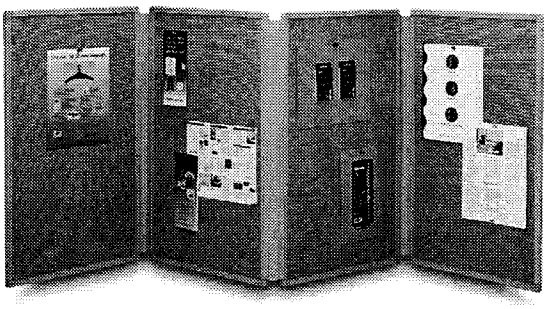
The Edward H. Nabb Research Center presents the "Settlers of the Eastern Shore Evenlight" Saturday, May 21, at evenlight, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Enjoy an elegant evening of fabulous food, potent potables (open bar and mint juleps) and both silent and live auctions at the Cellar House (circa 1760), a singularly outstanding example of 18th century Eastern Shore architecture, to support the Nabb Research Center's program of education for Salisbury University students and the Delmarva community at large.

Spotlight on Collections:
Conservation Wish List

In honor of Memorial Day, and the 60th anniversary since the defeat of Germany and Japan in WWII, the Nabb Research Center requests assistance in preserving two historic maps associated with the war. After their preservation and archival mounting, the maps can be displayed during this month of commemoration before Memorial Day. If you are interested in donating a monetary contribution for this project please contact the Nabb Research Center.







Wish List Item

The Nabb Center is looking to acquire a new tabletop display through donations from the Nabb neighborhood. The tabletop display that we are interested in purchasing would be the perfect backdrop for displaying exhibit materials. With the help of donations, we would like to obtain this double-sided panel which easily folds for transportation in its carrying case – truly a vital asset for the Nabb Center to have for speaking engagements.

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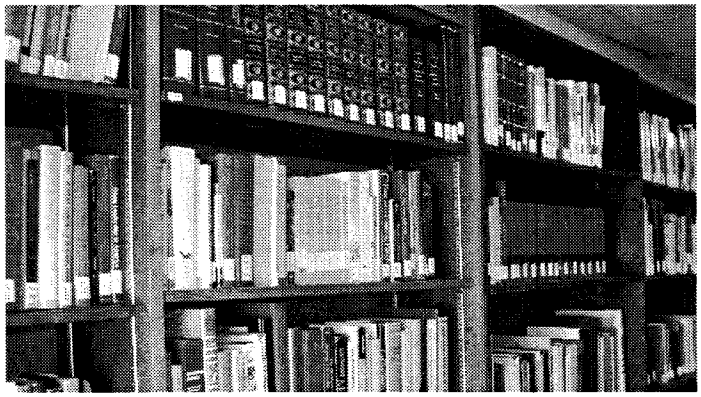

Help Contribute to the Nabb Research Center's Collections:

In response to our April request, the Nabb Research Center recieved generous donations by member Gill Kaufman of Ohio and Bill McCartin of Maryland, and were able to purchase several items last month. Once again, the Clearfield Company has several titles we hope to acquire. Please contact the Nabb Research Center for information about donating towards the purchase of the following:

Index to Prerogative Wills of Ireland, 1536-1810
Sir Arthur Vicars $24.95

Pensioners of Revolutionary War - Struck Off the Roll
U.S. War Department $16.50

Ossuary Seminar by James E. Jensen

In April the Nabb Center, Salisbury University and the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs sponsored a seminar featuring prominent anthropologists, archeologists, Eastern Shore chiefs and other representatives of the Native community. The discussion centered on the ossuary that was discovered at Harbor Point (near Salisbury) the previous year. The site dates to c. 1400-1650 and contained at least 35 individuals with 14 identified as men and 13 as women. Dr. Elizabeth Ragan stated "I was really peripheral with all of the work," and that her first reaction was one of "consternation." "We are seekers of knowledge," said Dr. Edward Otter who gave a background talk on ossuaries in general. Physical Anthropologist Dana Kollmann provided forensic evidence and spoke about the findings she made from the remains she examined in March 2004. Kollmann confirmed the site was Native American and that the average age of the subjects was 30.07. (Only a few lived past 50 and the women lived an average of six years longer than men.) Kollmann stated that it was a secondary burial, but that she saw "no marks of intentional defleshing." Dr. Richard Hughes of the Maryland Historical Trust gave a presentation written by Dr. Virginia Busby on the cultural diversity of the area Native population in the 17th and 18th centuries. There was a panel discussion with Gina Hamblin, Chief Sewell Winterhawk Fitzhugh, Chief Medicine Cat, Chief Rudy Hall and his wife, and Mary Hope Billings. The day ended with participants having learned a lot about alternate views, where Chief Winterhawk stated, "my grandmother said the only good archeologist is a dead archeologist," and after laughter in the audience, he said he was pleased that everyone was able to do what they wanted while no one group was excluded.